

Remarks

Entry of this Amendment, and allowance of all remaining claims are respectfully requested. Upon entrance of this amendment, claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17 & 20 will remain pending.

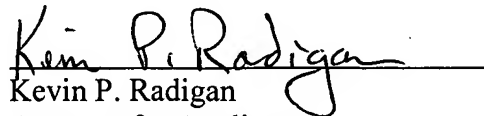
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 6, 13 & 20 if rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Responsive to this indication, these dependent claims are rewritten herein in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 6, 13 & 20 are believed allowable. Dependent claims 3, 7, 10, 14 & 17 are amended herein to depend from rewritten independent claims 6, 13 & 20, as appropriate. Further, without acquiescing to the rejections stated in the final Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 & 19 are canceled herein without prejudice.

Thus, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' attorney is available should the Examiner wish to discuss this application further.

Respectfully submitted,


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